

MS#164031.01 (4934)
PATENT**REMARKS****Allowable Claims**

Applicants appreciate the allowance of the subject matter of claims 14, 25-31, 33-47 and 51.

Applicants hereby amend claim 14 to incorporate the features of claims 1, 6 and 9-11. Please note that "the controller" recited in claim 11 has been amended to "the root hub" in claim 14 to provide the proper antecedent basis. Additionally, claim 13 has been amended to recite "the root hub" to provide the correct antecedent basis to claim 14.

Claims 1, 6 and 9-11 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23 and 24 have been amended to depend directly from claim 14 and are submitted as patentable for the same reasons as allowable claim 14. Claims 16 and 18-22 now depend indirectly from claim 14 and are submitted as patentable for the same reasons as allowable claim 14. Additionally, claim 48-50 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications directed to any of the canceled claims during the pendency of this application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particular point and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner objected to the limitation "the device" as having an insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been incorporated into claim 14 and applicants have amended claim 14 to more distinctly claim the present invention by reciting "a callback function associated with the at least one of the first devices". Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 14 is in condition for allowance and the Examiner's rejection should be withdrawn.

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PATENT**CONCLUSION**

To summarize, claims 1, 6, 9-11 and 48-50 are canceled herein and claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12-15, 17, 23 and 24 are amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12-31, 33-47 and 51 will be pending and are in proper form for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is felt that a full and complete response has been made to the Office action and, as such, places the application in condition for allowance. Although the prior art made of record and not relied upon may be considered pertinent to the disclosure, none of these references anticipates or makes obvious the recited invention.

The Applicants wish to expedite prosecution of this application. If the Examiner deems the claims as amended to not be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss making an Examiner's amendment to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due in connection with this response. If, however, the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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